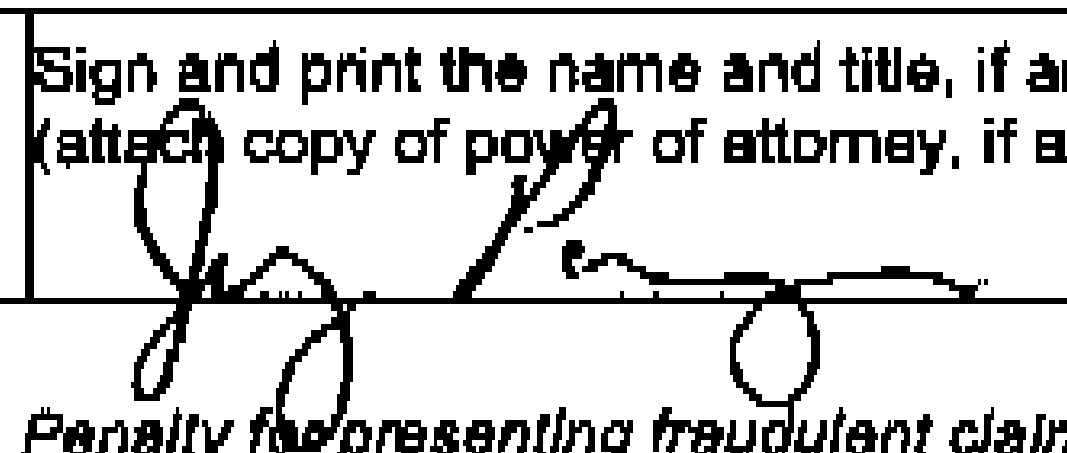


United States Bankruptcy Court
61288, Houston TX 77208SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS P.O.Box
(Houston Division)

PROOF OF CLAIM

Name of Debtors <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stage Stores, Inc., a Delaware corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Specialty Retailers, Inc., a Texas corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Specialty Retailers, Inc. (NV), a Nevada corporation *place an "x" beside the name of the Debtor you are filing a claim against		Case Number 00-35078-H2-11 00-35079-H2-11 00-35080-H2-11	Creditor ID#: 786-49382 United States Bankruptcy Court Southern District of Texas FILED AUG 14 2000 Michael N. Milby, Clerk
Name of Creditor (The person or other entity to whom the debtor owes money or property): Payne Electrical Contractors	<input type="checkbox"/> Check box if you are aware that anyone else has filed a proof of claim relating to your claim. Attach copy of statement giving particulars.		
Name and address where notices should be sent: *****AUTO**3-DIGIT 759 Payne Electrical Contractors PO Box 152324 Lufkin TX 75915-2324 	<input type="checkbox"/> Check box if you have never received any notices from the bankruptcy court in this case <input type="checkbox"/> Check box if the address differs from the address on the envelope sent to you by the court.		
Account or other number by which creditor identifies debtor:		Check here <input type="checkbox"/> replaces if this claim <input type="checkbox"/> amends a previously filed claim, dated: _____	
1. Basis for Claim <input type="checkbox"/> Goods sold <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Services performed <input type="checkbox"/> Money loaned <input type="checkbox"/> Personal injury/wrongful death <input type="checkbox"/> Taxes <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____		<input type="checkbox"/> Retiree benefits as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 1114(a) <input type="checkbox"/> Wages, salaries, and compensation (Fill out below) Your SS#: _____ Unpaid compensation for services performed from _____ (date) to _____ (date)	
2. Date debt was incurred:		3. If court judgment, date obtained:	
4. Total Amount of Claim at Time Case Filed: \$ 434.68 If all or part of your claim is secured or entitled to priority, also complete Item 5 or 6 below. <input type="checkbox"/> Check this box if claim includes interest or other charges in addition to the principal amount of the claim. Attach itemized statement of all interest or additional charges.			
5. Secured Claim. <input type="checkbox"/> Check this box if your claim is secured by collateral (including a right of setoff). Brief Description of Collateral: <input type="checkbox"/> Real Estate <input type="checkbox"/> Motor Vehicle <input type="checkbox"/> Other All personal and intangible property of Debtor's Estate Value of Collateral: \$ _____ Amount of arrearage and other charges at time case filed included in secured claim, if any \$ _____		6. Unsecured Priority Claim. <input type="checkbox"/> Check this box if you have an unsecured priority claim Amount entitled to priority \$ _____ Specify the priority of the claim: <input type="checkbox"/> Wages, salaries, or commissions (up to \$4,300),* earned within 90 days before filing of the bankruptcy petition or cessation of the debtor's business, whichever is earlier - 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(3) <input type="checkbox"/> Contributions to an employee benefit plan - 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(4). <input type="checkbox"/> Up to \$1,950* of deposits toward purchase, lease, or rental of property or services for personal, family, or household use - 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(6). <input type="checkbox"/> Alimony, maintenance, or support owed to a spouse, former spouse, or child - 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(7). <input type="checkbox"/> Taxes or penalties owed to governmental units - 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(8). <input type="checkbox"/> Other - Specify applicable paragraph of 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)-_____. *Amounts are subject to adjustment on 4/1/98 and every 3 years thereafter with respect to cases commenced on or after the date of adjustment.	
7. Credits: The amount of all payments on this claim has been credited and deducted for the purpose of making this proof of claim.		This Space is for Court Use Only	
8. Supporting Documents: Attach copies of supporting documents, such as promissory notes, purchase orders, invoices, itemized statements of running accounts, contracts, court judgments, mortgages, security agreements, and evidence of perfection of lien. DO NOT SEND ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS. If the documents are not available, explain. If the documents are voluminous, attach a summary.		601378	
9. Date-Stamped Copy: To receive an acknowledgment of the filing of your claim, enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope and copy of this proof of claim.		Date: 8-8-00 Sign and print the name and title, if any, of the creditor or other person authorized to file this claim (attach copy of power of attorney, if any): 	
Penalty for presenting fraudulent claim: Fine of up to \$500,000 or imprisonment for up to 5 years, or both. 18 U.S.C. §§ 152 and 3571.			

Invoice

Payne Electrical Contractor's
P.O. Box 152324
Lufkin, Texas 75915-2324
409-637-7477

DATE	INVOICE #
4/17/00	7418

BILL TO

Beall's Department Store
3000 Lufkin Mall
Lufkin, Texas 75901
Attention: April Bates

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
change 8 ballast	
Material	105.46T
Labor	137.50T
Sales Tax	20.04
Total	\$263.00

1. *Journal of Management Studies*, 1990, 27, 1.

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DATE	INVOICE #
5/1/'00	7469

BILL TO
Beall's Department Store 3000 Lufkin Mall Lufkin, Texas 75901 Attention: April Bates

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
change ballast	
Material	2.60T
Labor	156.00T
Sales Tax	13.08
Total	\$171.68